



COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor(s), I(We) hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original  
☐ design  
☐ supplemental

NOTE: If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.

- ☐ national stage of PCT

NOTE: If one of the following three items applies, then check and also complete section entitled "CLAIM FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120."

- ☐ divisional  
☐ continuation  
☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HORSE TRAILER INTERIOR PARTITION LATCHING SYSTEM

the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on April 16, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/826,600 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a).

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application to which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

|                   |                    |                                 | Priority Claimed                |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| _____<br>(Number) | _____<br>(Country) | _____<br>(Day/month/year filed) | <input type="checkbox"/><br>Yes | <input type="checkbox"/><br>No |
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

PRIOR PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

Filing Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
60/463,852  
(Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
April 18, 2003

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number)

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

## PRIOR US PATENT APPLICATIONS

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As named inventor, or named inventors, I (We) hereby appoint the following attorney Martin G. Ozinga, Reg. No. 44,992 of the firm Phillips McFall McCaffrey McVay & Murrah, P.C., Customer No. 34,248 duly authorized to practice law. Further, the foregoing attorney is authorized to prosecute this application to register, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent Document, if issued.

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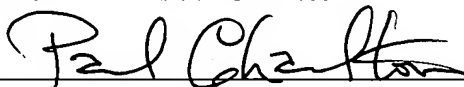
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Serial No.: 10/826,600 ) Customer No.: 34,248  
Filed: April 16, 2004 )  
For: HORSE TRAILER INTERIOR )  
PARTITION LATCHING SYSTEM )

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Exiss Aluminum Trailers, Inc., owner by assignment of the above-identified patent application, hereby appoints the following attorney Martin G. Ozinga, Reg. No. 44,992 of the firm Phillips McFall McCaffrey McVay & Murrah, P.C., Customer No. 34,248, duly authorized to practice law. Further, the foregoing attorney is authorized to prosecute this application to register, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent Document, if issued.

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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant(s): Clark et al. Application No.: 10/826,600 Filed: April 16, 2004

For: HORSE TRAILER INTERIOR PARTITION LATCHING SYSTEM

Exiss Aluminum Trailers, Inc., a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g. corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

certifies that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above for which a copy thereof is attached or which was previously recorded on \_\_\_\_\_ at reel/frame \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Name: Rodney Gulp

Title: CEO

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/22/04